



Wilmington Tree Commission
Wednesday, January 21, 2015 – 8:30 am
Lord Spencer Compton Room – City Hall

MEETING MINUTES

Commissioners Present: **Chair** Bill Jayne, **Vice-Chair** Connie Parker, **Secretary** Kathryn Graham, Bob Wallen, Blair Walton, Melanie Doyle. Joe Pawlik, Linda Snider

Staff Present: Aaron Reese (City Arborist), Angela Faison (Planning, Development and Transportation Representative), Ricky Midgette (Urban Forestry Tree Crew Supervisor).

The Chair called the meeting to order at approximately 8:34 am and noted that a quorum of voting members was present.

1. Election of Officers: Bob reviewed the slate of officers and nominated them: Connie, Chair; Linda, Secretary; Blair, Vice Chair. The election was unanimous. Gifts were presented to outgoing officers Bill and Kathryn.

2. Approval of Minutes: November minutes were approved on a motion by Bob, seconded by Linda.

3. Reports

From the Past Chair:

- Bill will present an Annual Report to City Council on Feb. 3. Including Information on the Sonic Oak, our budget and the Market St. project.
- Any complaints about Duke Energy tree trimming should go to state officials.
- Tim Barker's resignation leaves an opening, Damian Maddalena has applied.

From the New Chair

- Connie passed out summary copies of the Extended Planning and Discussion
- She presented Committee and Project Appointments for the next year (Copy attached).

From the New Vice Chair

- Heritage Trees: deadline is approaching and he will meet with Aaron
- Tree Awards: Bill has contacted the applicants for further information

From the City

- Angela: has received emails about grants, but one due in March is too soon. We should think of grant worthy projects for our next meeting and apply next year.
- Aaron: demonstrated his new Resistograph to determine tree health
- Ricky: the first phase tree planting for the year has begun

4. Commissioner Items

- TreeFest (Linda): this will be the last year for the give-aways. Future program will meet specific needs.
- Arbor Day (Melanie): she spoke with Bill Akers and will pick a school for the 20th March NC event. She will also plan something for National Arbor Day.
- Earth Day (Bob): applications for this year are not yet available.
- Other: Joe discussed a plan to plant palms around the Post Office property replacing those that died. He will have other organizations participate.

5. New Business

Marcia will ask for volunteers to help plant the 275 anniversary seedlings on the UNCW campus.

Bradford Pears on Water Street between Market & Orange will be replaced with Chinese Pistachio.

Connie announced that as a result of the planning sessions and preferences stated by members, there will not be monthly planning meetings. Regular meetings will continue monthly except for the months of July and December. Planning meeting may be called by the chair or at the request of the members when deemed necessary or helpful to the activities of the Commission

ADJOURN: at 9:41am on a motion by Bob, seconded by Blair.

Next Regular meeting
Wednesday, February 18 2015, 8:30 am
Lord Spencer Compton Room, City Hall